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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Some Perspective on Call for Gun Control

By Peter Friedman

The recent shooting rampage at the Foxy Lady strip club by a crackpot has brought a call for increased gun control by Mayor Lang, the editorial board of *The Standard-Times* and others. This knee-jerk reaction would be ineffective and would punish law-abiding residents.

Because gun crimes make sensational news stories, gun owners are easy targets. When compared with other risks, firearms deaths are relatively uncommon. Moreover, firearms in the hands of the law-abiding have been proven to reduce crime.

To keep things in perspective, the U.S. has about 300 million people; with this many people, deaths result from a variety of causes.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2003 (the most recent data available), there were 112,132 accidental deaths in the U.S. Of these, 730 were firearms related, while 44,757 resulted from automobiles. Other causes of accidental deaths: falls (17,229), poisoning (19,457), suffocation (5,579), drowning (3,306), fire (3,369). Bicycles and tricycles caused more accidental fatalities (762) than firearms.

Of the 29,789 total firearms-related deaths, most resulted from suicide (16,907).

A large fraction of the 11,920 firearm homicides were gang-on-gang violence and occurred within a few cities; this type of crime is committed almost entirely with illegal guns and would not be meaningfully affected by further restrictions on the law-abiding.

Crimes committed with semiautomatic sporting rifles such as the type used in the Foxy Lady (improperly referred to as "assault

weapons" in the media), are very rare, running in the neighborhood of 1 percent of gun crimes. Nationally, murders with knives, clubs and axes outnumber murders with "assault weapons" by 20 to 1.

While out-of-proportion news coverage focuses on gun crimes, the benefits of gun ownership receive little attention.

Forty-five percent of American households have at least one firearm, and most gun owners are law-abiding citizens who keep their guns for self-protection or use them for legitimate recreational purposes.

Criminologist Dr. Gary Kleck has written peer-reviewed studies that report that firearms are used three to five times more often for defensive purposes than for criminal activity. In total, Dr. Kleck estimates that firearms are used defensively about 2.5 million times each year in the U.S. In most cases, the gun is only brandished; only in 1 percent of the cases are the criminals wounded, 0.1 percent fatally.

Dr. John Lott of Yale University conducted an exhaustive multi-year statistical analysis of crime trends in every county in the United States and has proven that allowing law-abiding citizens to be armed lowers crime.

Over the past 20 years, the right of citizens to carry firearms for self-defense has greatly expanded, while at the same time the crime rate in the United States has dropped substantially.

Forty states have laws that generally allow most residents the right to carry a gun for self-defense.

We were all saddened by the violence at the Foxy Lady. But as we look to the future, we should look at effective solutions instead of writing ineffective laws that only serve to punish the law-abiding. (*South Coast*

Today.com, New Bedford, MA; c. Jan. 3, 2007)

Liars Can Figure

The anti-gun lawyers' group, Legal Community Against Violence (LCAV) is urging "reform [of gun laws] at the state and local levels so that, ultimately, nationwide solutions will be more easily achievable." LCAV's state and local agenda includes bans on "assault weapons," "large capacity ammunition magazines," handguns, and .50 caliber rifles; increased restrictions on "non-powder guns," such as BB and pellet guns; new and more restrictive minimum age requirements for purchasing and possessing guns and ammunition; strict requirements for gun dealer licensing and operation; background checks on private gun sales; gun owner licensing; gun registration; requiring "personalized" or so-called "smart" features on guns; imposing (presumably unachievable) gun manufacturing standards; requiring ballistic imaging of ammunition shot through privately purchased guns; waiting periods; restrictions on "multiple" gun purchases; and restricting the carrying of guns.

The Joyce Foundation funded LCAV's plan.

No anti-gun paper would be complete without a wild statistical exaggeration, and LCAV's is no exception. It claims that, according to the CDC, there are "nearly 100,000 victims each year [of] gun violence," when in fact there are only about 14,000 firearm-related murders, non-negligent manslaughters, and self-defense fatal shootings by private citizens and the police. According to the CDC, however, "gun violence" includes fatal and non-fatal injuries due to criminal assaults, suicides and self-woundings, acts of

self-defense by private citizens and law enforcement officers, with firearms, BB guns, pellet guns and various non-lethal guns. There are fewer than 80,000 such injuries annually, and LCAV simply rounded the number up to "nearly 100,000".

-- NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert,
Vol. 13 No. 35, Sept. 1, 2006

Making Martial Law Easier

Laws that strike to the heart of American democracy have been passed in the dead of night. So it was with a provision quietly tucked into the defense budget bill that makes it easier for a president to override local control of law enforcement and declare martial law.

The provision, signed into law in October, weakens two obscure but important bulwarks of liberty. One is the doctrine that bars military forces, including a federalized National Guard, from engaging in law enforcement. Called posse comitatus, it was enshrined in law after the Civil War to preserve the line between civil government and the military. The other is the Insurrection Act of 1807, which provides the major exemptions to posse comitatus. It essentially limits a president's use of the military in law enforcement to putting down lawlessness, insurrection and rebellion, where a state is violating federal law or depriving people of constitutional rights.

The newly enacted provisions upset this careful balance. They shift the focus from making sure that federal laws are enforced to restoring public order. Beyond cases of actual insurrection, the president may now use military troops as a domestic police force in response to a natural disaster, a disease outbreak, terrorist attack or to any "other condition."

These new presidential powers were slipped into the law without hearings or public debate. The president made no mention of the changes when he signed the measure, and neither the White House nor Congress consulted in advance with the nation's governors.

There is a bipartisan bill, introduced by Senators Leahy, (D-VT), and Bond, (R-MO), and backed unanimously by the nation's governors, that would repeal the stealthy revisions. Congress should pass it. If changes of this kind are proposed in the future, they must get a full and open debate.

-- NY Times, Feb. 19
Ed.: at least the governors are paying attention. It seems Congress doesn't even bother to read what they vote on.

10 Day Survival Pack for Your Vehicle for under \$25

By Jeffrey Yago, P.E., CEM

It seems like every winter people get stranded while driving in remote areas of our country. In fact, this past winter a family got lost traveling the snowy roads of Josephine County in Oregon. While his wife and daughters, who stayed with their vehicle, survived the husband succumbed as he hiked through snow looking for help. And there are people trapped in their vehicles for days after skidding over a bridge embankment, even though they were only a few hundred feet from a busy highway.

I have written articles about how to prepare your home for a power outage or national emergency, but today I want to address how to prepare for an emergency when traveling in your car or truck.

Warmth, of course, is a major concern in cold climate. Your car will provide protection against the elements, but extra clothing, blankets, and a sleeping bag will keep you warm. Store these items in a plastic trash bag in your trunk or behind the seat of your pickup. I recommend wool clothing because it [will keep you warm even if wet]. It's no fun being stranded and cold, when hypothermia is a danger.

If you run your engine to operate the heater, be sure you aren't breathing in carbon monoxide. Make certain that the car's exhaust pipe is not clogged with snow, and be sure the exhaust is not being sucked into the car through an open rear window. Opening a front window a bit will help admit fresh air into the passenger compartment. You can't smell carbon monoxide, so don't rely on your nose.

To address the high cost of freeze-dried food and the difficulty of locating hard-to-find survival equipment, I decided to assemble a 10-day emergency food supply by shopping only in a typical chain grocery store, and I kept the cost under \$25. This is cheap insurance, and you will not be out that much if you have to occasionally replace items that have reached their expiration date.

A person can actually live days without food, but you must have water. Toss a few gallons of bottled water in your vehicle's trunk, and include purification tablets to treat any available surface water. Unless you are stranded in a desert, you can usually find water, even if it's from a ditch, creek, lake, or melting snow. Use one of the empty gallon water containers to collect the surface water, and add the tablets.

You want emergency meals that are easy to prepare, use little or no cooking equipment, and tastes good. Since you could be injured or trapped, keep it simple. You may have to carry this emergency food supply if you must leave your vehicle, so you want to keep its size and weight to a minimum. This means foods that are highly concentrated and only require hot water to prepare.

There are many inexpensive drink mixes and dehydrated food packs in any large grocery store. Be sure to check expiration dates and purchase only the newest stock.

As you shop for the food items I have listed, you may find different items you would like to add. Just make sure they only require hot water to prepare and still provide a good variety.

You may also want a few things that do not require hot water or cooking. Sealed packages of beef jerky and trail mix or candy bars are a good choice. However, avoid chocolate, which can melt when stored in a car trunk.

Since you would be living out of your car or truck cab during this emergency, you will need a simple way to boil water inside or outside the vehicle. It would be nice to build a campfire each night, but this will be impossible in a blizzard or rainstorm. Include a large handful of "strike-anywhere" matches or "safety" matches that must be struck on the side of the matchbox. Camping stores offer fire starting products, but again, I am assuming you are only able to shop at a grocery store. Place your matches in a discarded prescription drug bottle or empty baby food jar to keep them dry. Those lucky enough to find "strike-anywhere" matches can dip the heads in melted candle wax, which makes them virtually waterproof.

For heating water inside your vehicle you will need "canned" heat, typically used to keep food serving trays hot. One should last several days and is reusable, thanks to an air-tight cap. When burning canned heat inside a vehicle, place it on a solid, non-flammable surface. Crack a window to prevent asphyxiation, and keep clear of any other fuel containers or gasoline leaks.

I found a small saucepan and an enameled-metal coffee cup at a Wal-Mart; either will do. Make sure the water-heating container has a sturdy handle that will allow holding over an open flame without burning your hand, as you will not have a fire grate. I heated a cup of cold water to more than 180° F in six minutes using the enameled-metal

coffee cup and canned heat. It was not that hard to hold the cup for this length of time, and the handle remained fairly cool.

You will need a sturdy container to protect your emergency food supply from mice that manage to get into any car or truck that contains food. You want a container that includes a carry-handle, and could have other emergency uses like carrying water. I recommend a small "6-pack" style plastic insulated cooler. Be sure to duct tape the lid shut, as most do not include a latch.

Here's what I have in my cooler:

3 Knorr dinners (chicken and pasta, chicken and rice, beef and rice); 2 ramen noodle soups; 2 Idahoan instant potato mixes (home style and four cheese); 2 McCormick gravy mixes (onion and mushroom); 2 cans Armour treats; 2 cans Armour Vienna sausages; 1 Star Kist tuna in foil pack; 2 cans sardines; 10 single serving coffee pouches; 6 Nestle instant cocoa pouches; 10 Herb-ox beef bouillon pouches; 4 Country Time lemonade pouches; 4 Bigelow herb tea pouches; 2 peanut bar candy; salt, pepper, creamer and sugar pouches saved from drive-thru restaurants.

Other items: sauce pan, enameled cup, 3 canned heat (Stern), matches or lighter, water purification tablets, 1 set eating utensils, pocket or kitchen knife, LED-type flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, Tylenol, Unisom, Benadryl, Advil, aspirin, 3 plastic trash bags and ties.

Other items to consider: toilet tissue, 2 gallon water jugs, 50' one-eighth inch rope, duct tape, 10' x 10' plastic sheet, sleeping bag, 1 set extra clothing, paper plates and paper towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, hand lotion, bar soap, hand sanitizer, 2 disposable razors.

-- Backwoods Home Magazine

Feminism and the Control of Womanhood

By Nancy Levant

The feminist movement was crafted by the one-world political initiative and invented to create and sustain global depopulation goals. That is and remains the primary mission of the feminist movement.

The "governors" are the world's wealthiest industrialists and bankers. Their one-world government hands all power and control of people, land,

water, food, human health, children and education, employment, militaries, and economic potential directly to themselves and their personal fortunes.

The feminist piece of the global puzzle deals specifically with depopulation through women's "healthcare," big pharma, and the "mental health" industrial complex. Women's rights are now defined by the right to abort, the right to be drafted, and the right to take drugs that will render women and children incapable of bearing children. And just as many women worldwide earned the right to own property, that right has now fallen to other plans, which state that no "individual" may own private property.

Let me give the women of the West a clue – "liberation" means that you are free – free to think as you choose and free to create your life according to your efforts and your beliefs. I suggest to you that the "liberation" you have achieved through the misguidance of the feminist movement is false. I suggest that Westernized women are often miserable, overworked, and suffering due to separation from their children. Think of it this way – the feminist movement actually believed they could change the fundamental meaning and purpose of womanhood, biological and instinctual gendering, and that they could culturally remove children from mothers, and call it "liberation." You are equally liberated to destroy any children that you don't want. Wow. I guess that means that you have a great deal of power. Congratulations. It is far greater to be a drugged laborer than a mother. Let us thank the feminist movement for making this clear to us dim-witted females.

If you are a woman in today's new world, I suggest you read [The Cultural Devastation of American Women](#). None of us have come unscathed through this new world culture, for it has been working on us for many, many decades. Once read, you will begin to decipher the facts from all the dialectic fiction.

And to the world's feminists – I say this: You are the dumbest women who have ever walked the face of the Earth. The day will come when YOU finally comprehend what you actually stood for – the total denial of rights and freedom for all.

-- NewsWithViews.com, Jan. 9, 2007

Ed.: Hey, gals, don't despair. There's still time to join the militia!

Death of a Patriot

Irwin Richardt died Dec. 22, 2006 of prostate cancer at about 75 years of age.

I last heard him on shortwave amateur radio in the spring of 2006 from his 18th century home in Liberty Corners, NJ.

He had just come home from the hospital and was planning his trip to his farm house in N.Y. state.

I heard of his death on the shortwave program "The Last Roundup" heard Tuesdays 5 pm 7.415 mhz.

Irwin's history of fights to preserve rights goes back many years. Irwin used to drive a car with Washington and Jefferson pictures fastened to the windows. The car was of course painted red, white and blue. When the state mandated auto insurance Irwin held to principle, refused the forced contract for auto insurance. He instead when asked to show proof of insurance handed police a bible and stated it was all the insurance he needed.

He was sentenced to jail and given early release. Irwin did not drive again but peddled a bicycle around town from his maple syrup farm. Irwin often spoke of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in his ham radio conversations.

I have heard he refused compensation when the local government took some of his maple trees and property for construction of a bike path.

He died at home of friends in the Liberty Corners area.

Life of a Traitor

David Swanson: How did you get involved in the topic of Douglas Feith and the intelligence that took us into this war? Who is this guy briefly?

Allison Hantschel: He was the undersecretary of defense for policy, and in that position, he was in charge of setting up essentially his own intelligence office.

An inspector general's report from the Pentagon came out on February 11, 2007, that essentially stated that Feith was running a separate intelligence operation within the Pentagon to make the case that Iraq was collaborating with al-Qaeda. [That IG report indicated] that Feith himself issued analyses of intelligence that were at odds with numerous intelligence agencies, and that he dismissed, downplayed or ignored evidence contrary to the story that he wanted to tell. He was mentored by Richard Perle,

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. – Mark Twain

who is an adviser to the administration. He and Perle were members of the Project for a New American Century, a think tank that formed in the late 1990s.

The Project for a New American Century consisted of a bunch of conservatives who were out of power. The policy that they pushed was one of remaking the Middle East in an American democratic model, whether those countries wanted it or not, because this would be vital to American national security. [Feith's] office was basically - Seymour Hersh called it the stove pipe. It basically was a funnel of information that rather than being evaluated by intelligence agencies in the normal way ... what Feith was doing was taking any scrap of information from anywhere that had anything to do with supporting a case that Iraq was a grave threat, and basically pushing that information directly to the higher-ups in the administration: Vice President Cheney and the President himself.

His defense of his actions after the Pentagon IG's report was that this was not intelligence that he was developing. He was developing what he called a policy product, and thus it didn't need to be up to the same standards as, say, an intelligence analysis. Leaving aside for a moment the whole thing about how apparently we are not expecting policy to be factual anymore, you've also got him admitting that he was helping them make a case they wanted to make.

David: There was another scandal with [Feith] where he allegedly was giving information to AIPAC [American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee], a lobby group pushing a right-wing Israeli agenda.

Allison: One of his aides - a man named Larry Franklin was charged with passing classified information about potential attacks against US forces in Iraq to an Israeli advocacy group, and when the FBI raided his house, they found more than 80 classified documents in his home. That was what finally put enough pressure on Feith that he had to resign.

David: So he resigns over that, but what accountability has he faced or might he ever face for the entirety of what he's done?

Allison: Well, there's no statute of limitations on war crimes, and that's really the hope that you kind of hold out. After the Pentagon IG's report came out, Feith did the rounds of the talk shows, essentially claiming that he had been vindicated because he was not actually charged with a crime. He certainly seemed happy enough about it, as if we should bake him a cake, but he

essentially has not faced any real accountability, and what's really infuriating about the whole thing is that he gets to walk away. He's not going to miss a meal. He gets to walk away, go teach at Georgetown, write a book and he does not have to worry about what's going to happen to his family when he comes back from the war without an arm or leg. He doesn't have to worry about what's going to happen after the latest suicide bombing. These are consequences he's not going to have to face.

-- Allison Hantschel interviewed by David Swanson, March 3, <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/downloads/allison.mp3>

Allison Hantschel runs the blog site, First Draft <http://www.first-draft.com>, and is the author of the book *Special Plans, the blogs on Douglas Feith and the faulty intelligence that led us to war*.

Still Crazy after All These Years

OK...I'll end this month's *Review and Focus* with an update on our deficits and the Fed's creation of dollars. I ran across this quote from a famous American that I think you'll enjoy...

"This [Federal Reserve Act] establishes the most gigantic trust on earth. When the President [Wilson] signs this bill, the invisible government of the monetary power will be legalized...the worst legislative crime of the ages is perpetuated by this banking and currency bill." - [Congressman] Charles A. Lindberg, Sr.

Mr. Lindberg has it quite right all those years ago...The Federal Reserve has done nothing to provide price stability to the dollar since its inception...Money Creation continues to go at a strong pace, and not once have they said "no!" to Government requests to issue more debt.

-- Everbank *Review and Focus* Feb. 1, 2007

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Congress created the Federal Reserve, yet it had no constitutional authority to do so. We forget that those powers not explicitly granted to Congress by the Constitution are inherently denied to Congress - and thus the authority to establish a central bank never was given. Of course Jefferson and Hamilton had that debate early on, a debate seemingly settled in 1913.

The role the Fed plays in the President's secretive Working Group on Financial Markets goes unnoticed by members of Congress. The Federal Reserve shows no willingness to inform

Congress voluntarily about how often the Working Group meets, what actions it takes that affect the financial markets, or why it takes those actions.

But these actions, directed by the Federal Reserve, alter the purchasing power of our money. And that purchasing power is always reduced. The dollar today is worth only four cents compared to the dollar in 1913, when the Federal Reserve started. This has profound consequences for our economy and our political stability. All paper currencies are vulnerable to collapse, and history is replete with examples of great suffering caused by such collapses, especially to a nation's poor and middle class. This leads to political turmoil

Government officials consistently claim that inflation is in check at barely 2%, but middle class Americans know that their purchasing power - especially when it comes to housing, energy, medical care, and school tuition - is shrinking much faster than 2% each year.

Even if prices were held in check, in spite of our monetary inflation, concentrating on Consumer Price Index distracts from the real issue. We must address the important consequences of Fed manipulation of interest rates. When interest rates are artificially low, below market rates, insidious malinvestment and excessive indebtedness inevitably bring about the economic downturn that everyone dreads.

In 2006 dollars, the minimum wage was \$9.50 before the 1971 breakdown of Bretton Woods. Today that dollar is worth \$5.15. Congress congratulates itself for raising the minimum wage by mandate, but in reality it has lowered the minimum wage by allowing the Fed to devalue the dollar. We must consider how the growing inequalities created by our monetary system will lead to social discord.

For starters, the Federal Reserve should:

- * Begin publishing the M3 statistics again. Let us see the numbers that most accurately reveal how much new money the Fed is pumping into the world economy.
- * Tell us exactly what the President's Working Group on Financial Markets does and why.
- * Explain how interest rates are set. Conservatives profess to support free markets, without wage and price controls. Yet the most important price of all, the price of money as determined by interest rates, is set arbitrarily in secret by the Fed rather than by markets! Why

is this policy written in stone? Why is there no congressional input at least?

* Change legal tender laws to allow constitutional legal tender (commodity money) to compete domestically with the dollar.

* How can a policy of steadily debasing our currency be defended morally, knowing what harm it causes to those who still believe in saving money and assuming responsibility for themselves in their retirement years? Is it any wonder we are a nation of debtors rather than savers?

* We need more transparency in how the Federal Reserve carries out monetary policy, and we need it soon. -- Rep. Ron Paul's Statement at Hearing of the House Financial Services Committee, February 15, 2007

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"All of the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arises, not from the defects of the Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation." - John Adams

"Community Gun" Ban in Jersey

NJ Gov. Corzine signed a "community gun" ban [Jan. 26, 2007] which places all NJ gun owners and particularly NJ Licensed Firearm Dealers at serious risk when acquiring a firearm.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/S/2500/2009_11.HTM

The new ban reads as follows in the key part: (2) Any person who possesses, receives or transfers a community gun is guilty of a crime of the second degree and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment... The term of imprisonment shall include the imposition of a minimum term. The minimum term shall be fixed at one-half of the sentence imposed by the court or three years, whichever is greater and during which the defendant shall be ineligible for parole. As used in this paragraph, "community gun" means a firearm that is transferred among, between or within any association of two or more persons who, while possessing that firearm, engage in criminal activity or use it unlawfully against the person or property of another.

A firearm becomes a "community gun" when it has been "transferred among, between or within any association of two or more persons who, while possessing that firearm, engage in criminal activity or use it unlawfully against the person or property of another."

Once the firearm becomes a "community gun" it becomes a so-called HOT POTATO. Any person "who possesses, receives or transfers a community gun is guilty of a crime of the second degree and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment by the court." The ban does NOT limit prosecution to the original "two or more persons" who engaged in criminal activity or used it unlawfully. The gun's status is somewhat similar to that of a stolen firearm, except the ban does not say a person has to know it is a "community gun" in order to be in violation. How is a person ever to know if a gun was a "community gun?" Any used gun might be a "community gun." We have to pray that the NJ Courts at least interpret the new gun ban to require "knowledge" by the defendant and that they do not interpret this as a strict liability offense. Unfortunately NJ has an infamous reputation for aggressively enforcing gun laws in the broadest possible way against honest gun owners.

The "community gun" ban is a second degree crime (up to 10 years in jail) with a minimum mandatory sentence of at least three years with no chance of parole.

-- gunesq@comcast.net

Ed.: The "community gun" ban is a tailor-made anti-militia statute. Even though the N.J. militia is authorized by statute, will they not accuse us of being an "association"? Have we not been vilified as "gun nuts"? No problem, lock 'em up for 3 years or more!

UN Ignores Own "Declaration of Human Rights"

Supporters of globalization often point to the United Nation's "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" as being equivalent or even superior to the US Bill of Rights. Once again, we are being lied to.

Article 19 of the UN's "superior" Declaration states, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers." And Article 20 states, "Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association."

One of our supporters recently sent us this chilling email. As you read it, ask yourself if such a thing could happen in a country with a Bill of Rights Culture.

"Today I was handing out JPFO anti-U.N. pamphlets in front of the UN's

visitor's entrance. I was behaving peacefully and orderly, and I thought that I might be protected by the UN's "Declaration on Human Rights" and the U.S. constitution, which are supposed to protect political speech and free expression.

"The U.N. guards immediately started harassing me and trying to get me to leave, and claimed I had no right to hand out literature there. I explained to them that I had consulted with a lawyer, and all sidewalks in the city are city-owned, and I have a right to hand out literature there. A U.N. superior officer immediately went across the street and summoned a New York City police officer to order me to leave.

"I explained to the NYPD officer that I had consulted a lawyer and I was breaking no laws by distributing literature here. The NYPD officer, Officer Rizzo of the 17th precinct, said he didn't care about the law or lawyers, and claimed the U.N. was a "National Security Area" and I was not allowed to hand out any literature here, and I had to go across the street; and he went on to say that I could only hand out literature in certain places across the street, and not others, including that I was not allowed to hand out literature in front of any consulates or embassies, including the U.S. Embassy. When I tried to explain to him again that my lawyer had confirmed my project was legal, he ordered me to leave and tried to intimidate me physically. I walked away, but then went back to ask him some questions for my incident report. Officer Rizzo started to threaten me and menace me, refused to answer any questions, and he and two other officers followed me up the street, threatening to arrest me and throw me in jail.

"So I walked away, and came home, but I immediately filed an online complaint with the Complaint review Board."

So much for human rights. Or the American Bill of Rights, for that matter. The First Amendment specifically states, "[Congress shall make no law] abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble..." It should be stressed that the UN is not the only villain in this incident. An American, a New York City police officer, played the thug at the UN's behest. He bullied and intimidated another American -- one who was not breaking any laws -- in order to please his UN masters.

For more information, see our Gran'pa Jack #5 Booklet, "The United Nations is Killing Your Freedoms!" at

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

Please find enclosed an article recently published in *The National Law Journal* regarding my suit against the state for their unconstitutional ban on internet and photocopied material. The public should know that this case goes much deeper, which is why I am writing you.

I was denied my right to defend myself, my family, and my home in Richmond County, Georgia, against an armed attacker under the influence of alcohol and drugs. In pursuing post-conviction relief I was denied my right to seek redress based on the AEDPA, a law which was not available in the prison library and which was seized when my family sent it to me.

The case began in 2001. In 2002 the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals appointed the law firm Holland & Knight to represent me. The state has retained the firm of Sell & Melton. The cost to the taxpayers for this litigation of a policy regarded by experts as absurd will be enormous.

I thank you for your time in publishing the full context of this case. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
Danny Williams

Ware State Prison, Georgia

Prisoners' right to Internet materials contested

By Vesna Jaksic

The Internet age - and all its legal complications - has finally come to prisons.

When Danny Williams, a Georgia prisoner serving a life sentence for murder, wasn't allowed to receive legal materials downloaded from the Internet in his mail, he file a pro se suit challenging the ban (*Williams v. Donald*, No. 5:01-CV-292-2 (M.D. Ga.))

Prisoners do not have access to the Internet. Cases about inmates' rights in the digital world have focused on whether prisoners should be allowed to receive correspondence originating from the Internet. Prisoners' advocates have

said that receiving the material in the mail is a free speech right protected by the First Amendment.

Opponents have brought up an array of safety and security concerns, such as the possibility that the materials could include contraband. In Williams' case, state officials said that Internet printouts may increase the risk of inmates getting their hands on dangerous information, such as instructions on making a pipe bomb.

There is no state or federal legislation regarding prisoners' rights to accessing Web-based materials, but in recent years inmates in California and Colorado have successfully challenged prison policies that banned the receipt of material from cyberspace.

In Williams' case a magistrate recommended in September that a Georgia prison policy be declared unconstitutional. Both sides have filed briefs and are awaiting a district judge's ruling.

Brooke Savage, Williams' lawyer, said prison officials already screen mail to ensure that it does not pose a threat, so broad bans on Internet materials are not necessary.

Repeated requests for comments from the American Correctional Association, an industry group, were not returned.

-- *The National Law Journal*, Dec. 18, 2006

Ed.: Hats off to Danny Williams for challenging the ban on printed Internet information. First, we support fairness and the constitution, and, second, the way things are going in this country we're all headed to prison, and will need all the help we can get to regain our freedom.

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NJM,

Once again I must ask y'all to bear with me. Will send stamps in payment when I can - right now we're in lockdown and can't do a thing!

MM

Texas prisoner

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Editor, NJM

The chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court has the audacity to

consider their \$200,000-plus salary so low as to constitute a "constitutional crisis?!" They do not deserve such a high salary, partly because:

1) The court has refused to address jury nullification since 1895. The court has refused to stop the trial courts from committing a fraud-upon-the-jury by lying to the jury that the jury must follow the trial judge's instructions of law even if the disagree with the law.

2) The court has refused to spell it out in black and white whether the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right, which has been incorporated within the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution so as to apply to "any person."

3) The court has continued to endorse junk science known as forensic psychiatry. The court has done nothing to stop trial court abuses in railroading criminal defendants for psychiatric examination and "treatment" simply because they find the defendant "mentally ill." The court has also failed to adequately restrict self-incrimination problems associated with psychiatric examination and "treatment."

4) The court has refused to overrule its precedent which classifies a corporation as a "person" within the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Corporations have spiraled out of control, with inadequate accountability.

6) The court has used international treaties to interpret the U.S. Constitution.

7) The court has skewed immigration laws for massive incursion of "undocumented workers" overpopulation, as described by the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

In summary, the court has supported the slow encroachment on our fundamental rights by an agenda for the international power elite.

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